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CCPG Constituent Associations sign a Memorandum of Understanding on use of CCPG's *Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada*.

Vancouver —The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists ("CCPG") is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") among its Constituent Associations on the use of CCPG's *Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada*.

This MoU follows the work that was undertaken earlier by its Associations (working through their representation on the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board, a standing body of CCPG) to revise and reformat CCPG's documentation on requirements for professional registration in Canada. The resulting new document entitled *Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada* is a consensus-based point of reference on commonly agreed geoscience education and geoscience work experience expectations for admission into the profession.

Under the terms of the MoU, the Associations agree to move to a system where all candidates accepted for registration will have demonstrated geoscience knowledge and experience which is equal or equivalent to that set out in CCPG's *Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada*; and to periodically advise each other of their status towards that goal.

Speaking of the signing of the MoU, the CCPG President, Gary Vivian, P.Ge. said. "This MoU - which our 10 Constituent Associations developed among themselves and have now all signed - is a great achievement that nicely compliments the hard work and effort that was put into reaching national consensus on the knowledge and experience requirements. Together these documents will improve overall protection of the Canadian public and at the same time will serve as important new benchmarks for Canadian professional geoscience, both in a national and international context."

A copy of the MoU can be viewed on the CCPG website at www.ccpq.ca. CCPG's *Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada*, which was published in April of this year as a colour booklet, is also available on the Council's website.

The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists (CCPG) is a national council whose members are the self-governing professional associations that regulate the profession of geoscience in Canada's provinces and territories.

The mission of CCPG is to develop consistent high standards for licensure and practice of geoscience, to facilitate national and international professional mobility, and to promote recognition of Canadian geoscientists.

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